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A
Play-Book
FOR
CHILDREN,
TO

Allure them to Read
as soon as they can Speak
Plain.

Composed of small Pages, on
Purpose not to tire Chil-
dren, and Printed with a fair
and Pleasant Letter. The
Matter and Method plainer
and easier than any yet
Extant.

L O N D O N:
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Harrow in the *Poultry*. 1694.
Price, 4 d.

The Preface.

I Am not ignorant of the Swarms of Books for Children, already Printed, as Primars, Tutors, &c. Yet could I never find one, that both for Matter and Method was wholly suited to that tender Age.

I have sufficiently experienced the ill effects of large leaves, close Stuffs, with things not understood by Children, and many times



The Preface.

times in a black Print, as if the design had been to frighten from, rather than allure to, Learning.

It's strange that writers should so forget the variable nature of young ones, that hate any thing long, tho never so pleasing at first, but if this little undertaking may decoy Children into reading, it's all that's aimed at by,

J. G.

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The Great Letters.

A	B	C	D
E	F	G	H
I	J	K	L
M	N	O	P
Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X
Y	Z.		

The

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The Small Letters.

a	b	c	d	e	f
g	h	i	j	k	l
m	n	o	p	q	r
s	t	u	v	w	
x	y	z			

A 3

The

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The Vowels alone.

a e i y o u w

The Consonants alone.

b c d f g h j k
l m n p q r s
t v x z. *The*

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*The Vowels joined to
the Consonants.*

A ^b	ac	ad	af
eb	ek	ed	ef
ib	ic	id	if
ob	ok	od	of
ub	uc	ud	uf

A 4

The

(5)

*The same Sort of Syl-
lables.*

ag	al	am	an	ap
Eg	el	em	en	ep
ig	il	im	in	ip
Og	ol	om	on	op
ug	ul	um	un	up

The

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*The same Sort of Syl-
lables.*

ar	as	at	ax	az
er	es	et	ex	ez
Ir	is	it	ix	iz
or	of	ot	ox	oz
Ur	us	ut	ux	uz

A 5

Con-

(7)

Consonants before Vo-
wels.

Ba	ca	da	fa	ga
be	ce	de	fe	ge
bi	ci	di	fi	gi
bo	ko	do	fo	go
bu	cu	du	fu	gu

Con-

(8)

Consonants before Vo-
wels.

ha	ja	la	ma	na
he	je	le	me	ne
hi	ji	li	mi	ni
ho	jo	lo	mo	no
hu	ju	lu	mu	nu

Con-

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Consonants before Vo-
wels.

Pa	ra	fa	ta	va
pe	re	fe	te	ve
pi	ri	fi	ti	vi
po	ro	fo	to	vo
pu	ru	fu	tu	vu

The

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The proper Dipthongs,

ai au ei eu oi ou

**The Improper Dip-
thongs,**

ea ee eo ie ou
oo ui eau ieu

Words

Words of one Syllable.

Act, ail, ake, and, ape,
arm, art, ask.

Babe, back, bawd,
beat, bind, blood,
bone, bread, bruise.

Words

Words of one Syllable.

Calf, care, caught,
cease, charge, check,
Christ, church, cleanse.

Dame, dance, dearth,
deed, dine, dish, door,
dread, drink, dumb.

Words

Words of one Syllable.

Eat, edge, eight, eye,
Face, fade, fair, false,
fear, fade, field, fight,
fire, fish, flame, food.
Gape, host, glad, gold,
good, grace, grieve.

Words

Words of one Syllable.

Hand, home, health,
herb, hide, hawk,
hook, house, hemp.

Jack, jail, Jew, join,
judge, juice, jump, jam,
inch, ink, itch.

Words

Words of one Syllable.

Keep, kick, kind, King,
knee, knife.

Lace, laugh, learn,
lough, lodge, lose.

Maid, meet, mirth,
month, mouth, muse.

Words

Words of one Syllable.

Nail, name, need, new,
night, noise, noon.

Oak, once, oyl, owl.

Pain, palm, piece, pick,
pinch, plague, plaid,
plough, plunge, purse.

Words

Words of one Syllable.

Quake, quash, Queen,
quench, quick, quince.

Rage, rail, Ralph,
reach, Raign, roast,
Room, rough, rule,
rank, rock, rust.

Words

Words of one Syllable.

Salt, Saint, scale, shoe,
shelf, scourge, School,
scatch, five.

State, sleeve, slime,
smooth, snort, stout,
smell, strike, stuff.

Words

Words of one Syllable.

Taket, art, teach, tempt,
 thief, Thigh, thread,
 through, Tongue,
 turn, touch, twist.
 Uast, veal, view, vile,
 voice, urge, use.

Words

Words of one Syllable.

Wat, walk, wear, wise,
wheat, Wheel, wink,
witch, wolves, wound,
wipe.

Yarn, yea, yelp, yield,
yoke, young, Youth.

Zeal, zone.

Words

Words of one Syllable.

A-bide, ac-quaint, af-
fright, af-fure.

Bal-lance, be-long, bol-
ster, bub-ble.

Care-less, co-ming, cu-
red, cus-tome.

Words

Words of two Syllables.

Dark-ness, de-light, dis-
tress, drun-kard.

Enough, ea-gle, es-cape,
ex-tream.

Fa-mine, fea-ver, foo-
lish, friend-ship.

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Words

Words of two Syllables.

Game-some, glean-ing,
gree-dy, go-vern.

Hand-dle, hand-led, ho-
nour, high-nefs.

Jea-lous, jour-ney, jug-
gle, juf-tice.

Words

Words of two Syllables.

Kin-dle, kind-ly, knot-ty, know-ing.

La-ment, lea-ther, lit-tle, luc-ky.

Ma-lice, mis-chief, mo-ving, mus-tard.

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Words

Words of two Syllables.

Nar-row, nee-dle, no-
ver, nine-teen, no-ble,
nur-fed.

O-bey, of-fence, one-ly,
op-pose, ox-en, ois-ter.

Words

Words of two Syllables.

Pas-ture, pi-ty, por-ter,
pu-nish,

Quar-ter, quick-en, qui-
ver, quo-ted.

Rat-tle, re-veal, rob-ber,
rot-ten.

B 3

Words

Words of two Syllables.

Sa-lute, seem-eth, si-lent,
sof-ten, suf-fer, su-gar.

Ta-med, te-nant, thick-
ness, thun-der, tic-kle,
trou-bled.

Words

Words of two Syllables.

Va-lour, vi-per, vo-mit,
vouch-ed.

Wa-ter, wea-fel, wil-
low, wor-thy.

Yel-low; yo-ked, yon-
der.

Zea-lous. *Words*

Words of three Syllables.

Ab-sol-ved, as-to-nish,
be-lie-ver², bro-ther-ly.
cha-ri-ty, co-ve-tous.
de-ni-ed, du-ty-full.
e-ve-ry, ex-cept-ed.
fi-nish-ing, fos-ter-ed.

Words

Words of three Syllables

Guil-ty-ness, glo-ri-fy.
hand-ker-chief, hy-po-crite.
i-ma-gine, jeo-par-dy.
kind-nesses, know-ing-ly.
la-bour-ed, li-ber-ty.
me-di-tate, mul-ti-tude.

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Words

Words of three Syllables

Na-tu-ral, no-table.

nou-rish-ed, nu-me-rous.

ob-ser-ving, of-fer-ed.

o-pen-ly, o-ver-turn.

pa-ti-ence, pos-si-ble.

qua-li-ty, qui-et-ness.

Words

Words of three Syllable.

Ra-ven-ous, re-al-ly.

fa-cri-fica, le-cu-red:

fo-ber-ness, sup-pli-ant,

ter-ri-ble, trea-che-ry.

va-li-ant, vi-ci-ous.

wa-ver-ing, wi-now-ed.

Words

Words of four Syllables.

Ac-know-ledg-ment.

boun-ti-ful-ness.

ca-la-mi-ty.

def-truc-ti-on.

en-dea-vour-ed.

fu-ri-ous-ly.

Words

Words of four Syllables.

Gra-ti-fi-ed.

hu-mi-li-ty.

ju-di-ci-ous.

le-vi-ti-cal.

ma-le-fac-tours.

ne-ces-si-ty.

Words

Words of five Syllables.

Ob-fer-va-ti-on.

par-ti-cu-lar-ly.

pe-ni-ten-ti-al.

ques-ti-on-a-ble.

re-ve-la-ti-on.

ri-di-cu-lous-ly.

Words

Words of six Syllables.

Su-per-sti-tious-ly.

su-pe-ri-o-ri-ty.

trans-sub-stan-ti-a-ted.

u-ni-ver-sa-ti-ty.

un-rea-son-a-ble-ness.

un-pro-fi-ta-ble-ness.

Ap-ples

Ap-ples are for Chil-dren,
that know the Let-ters.

Bel-lows blow the fire, to
make it burn bet-ter.

Combs get the Lice out of
Chil-drens heads.

Drums make a noise, that
plea-ses lit-tle Boys.

Eggs

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Eggs have a thin shell, and
will quick-ly break.

Fid dles make mer-ry with
their sweet Mu-sick.

Gloves keep the hands warm
in cold wea-ther.

Hats keep the head from the
Sun and Rain.

Ink-

Ink-horns are for Boys, that
can Write.

Knives will cut lit-tle Chil-
drens fingers.

Lem-mons are fower, but
good to eat with Su-gar.

Mar-vils are pret-ty play-
things for Chil-dren.

Nuts

Nuts will spoil the Teeth to
crack them.

O-ni-ons smell strong and
make the eyes wa-ter.

Pots are han-ged over the
fire to boyl Pud-dings.

Quin-ces grow upon Trees
like ap-ples.

Roses

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Ro-ses are fine flow-ers that
have a sweet smell.

Shoes keep the feet from the
dur-ty ground.

Tops are whipt when 'tis cold
to get Boys a heat.

Uines bear clu-sters of Grapes
to make Wine.

Wind-

Wind-mills run round and
grind Corn for Bread.

Yoke are put a-bout the hor-
ses necks.

an Ad-der is a Crea-ture that
lies in the grass and will
sting.

Bees fly a-bout in hot wea-
ther, and suck the Flowers to
get Honey.

Cocks

Cocks crow as soon as 'tis day
and call men to rise and
work.

Duck's love to pad-dle in the
wa-ter and eat frogs or green
Weeds.

An Ea-gle is the king of birds
that buil-deth his nest upon
high trees.

a Field-fare is a burd that
comes in cold weather and
goes away in warm.

a Gold-finch is a pretty burd
that will Sing sweetly in a
Cage.

a Hen scrapes the ground
with her feet, for crumbs to
feed her Chic-ken,

a Jay is a Burd of mā-ny colours that some folks teach to talk as a per-rot.

a Kite flys down and steals away the young chic-kens if they be'nt near the Hen.

a Lob-ster is a shell-fish that has two great claws with little Teeth in'em.

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a Mouſe digs holes in the
Cheeſe, but the Cat catch-
eth her and kills her.

Night-in-gales ſing all Night
long, with a Thorn at their
breſt, ſome ſay.

an Owl has a face ſome-
what like a Man and flys
a-bout only in the night.

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a Pea-cock has a fine Tail
with lit-tle Spots like eyes in
the Fea-thers.

Quails are Birds, that were
once rain-ed from Hea-ven
to feed the *Jews*.

a Ra-ven is a Bird that will
eat any dead Car-casse and
not good to eat.

a Squirrel is a little nimble Beast that can crack Nuts with his Teeth.

a Turkey-cock is a proud Burd, that Spreads his tail and his wings.

a Vul-ture is a great bird very quich sighted that devours small birds.

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a Wren is the least of all
the Birds, and has a-bun-
dance of youngones.

a Yel-low-ham-mer pecks
the Ap-ples and Pears
when they begin to ripen.
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an Afs is a slow beaft not fo big as a Horfe, but is v-ery strong and will car-ry a great bur-den.

a Bear is a wild beaft that has long hairs and broad paws, and climbs Trees for ho-ney.

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a Cow is a tame Beast
that yields milk twice a
day to feed young Chil-
dren that ha'nt Teeth.

a Dog barks in the Night
and wont let Thieves
come in-to his Mas-ters
house to steal a-way his
goods.

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an Ele-phant is a huge Beast
that has a trunk, and a great
tooth and can ca-ry a cas-tle
up-on his back.

a Fox is a cun-ning lit-tle
beast that steals Geese, and
runs away with them upon
his shoul-ders.

a Hog is a naſ-ty beaſt that
loves to wal-low in the mire,
and will drink till he can't
ſtand or go.

a Ly-on is the ſtrong-eſt of
all the beaſts, and there-fore
is call-ed their King, he is
ſome-times mer-ci-ful

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a Mule is a beast part-ly like
an Ass, and part-ly like a
Horse, which are not ve-ry
common.

an Ox is a great beast big-
ger than a Bull, that draws
the Plough or Wag-gon like
a Horse.

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a Pan ther is a spotted wild
beast ve-ry like a Leo-pard
if it be not the same crea-
ture.

a Ram has two horns that
twist round at most, and will
push ve-ry hard with his
strong head.

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a Stag is a swift beaft that
has high branch-ing horns,
but can't a-bide the hunt-ing
Dogs.

a Goat has two horns, and a
long beard and will run af-
ter folks like a Dog.

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a Unicorn is a strange
Beast, that has but one horn,
which is in the mid-dle of his
fore-head.

a Wolf is a wild Beast big-
ger than most dogs, that will
kill the poor Sheep if they
be not watched.

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